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This letter confirms a November 6, 2003 telephone conference between the undersigned attorney for applicant and Examiner Alejandro Mulero concerning the November 3, 2003 Advisory Action.

During the conversation, attorney for applicant pointed out that claim 1 was amended to include the subject matter of claim 7, and claims 2 and 3, as amended December 31, 2002, were dependent on claim 7. In addition, claim 17 was amended to include the subject matter of former claim 19. In the December 31, 2002 Amendment claims 18, 20, 25 and 28 were amended to depend on claim 19. Consequently, the claims considered by the Patent and Trademark Office prior to the final rejection included the same subject matter as the claims considered after the Final Rejection. The only difference between the claims before and after the Final Rejection was the insertion of features of the dependent claims into the independent claims.

During the November 6, 2003, the Examiner asked attorney for applicant to submit a response along the lines of this letter

Based on the foregoing, the amendment after final rejection should be entered. If the Examiner does not enter the Amendment After Final Rejection, she should consider this paper as a Petition to the Commissioner to cause entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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